Please do not let CBS's threat to discontinue HDTV sway your desicion. (http://www.tvweek.com/topstorys/121602digitalfeed.html) Eventually everyone will be broadcasting with HDTV and consumers will demand that they do. If they want to stay in business they will comply. This is just a case of a typical corporate thug trying to tell the government what to do. I personally do not record much television, but on ocassion me and my wife do go out and she records a show is going to miss. We still watch all the commercials they had, etc etc.. they aren't loosing any money and I really dont' feel like paying for the extra circuitry next time a buy a HDTV.